IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : 1:24CR39-1

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v.

LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK : PLEA AGREEMENT

NOW COME the United States of America, by and through Sandra J. Hairston, United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, and the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, in her own person and through her attorney, Robert Trenkle, and state as follows:

- 1. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, is presently under Indictment in case number 1:23CR361-2, which charges her with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349, conspiracy to commit wire fraud.
- 2. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, is also presently charged by Bill of Information in case number 1:24CR39-1, which charges her with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 706, fraudulent display of the Red Cross insignia.
- 3. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, will enter a voluntary plea of guilty to the Information herein. The nature of this charge and the elements of this charge, which must be proved by the United States

beyond a reasonable doubt before the defendant can be found guilty thereof, have been explained to her by her attorney.

- a. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, understands that the maximum term of imprisonment provided by law for the Information herein is not more than six months, and the maximum fine for the Information herein is \$5,000, or both. If any person derived pecuniary gain from the offense, or if the offense resulted in pecuniary loss to a person other than the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, the defendant may, in the alternative, be fined not more than the greater of twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss unless the Court determines that imposition of a fine in this manner would unduly complicate or prolong the sentencing process. The fine provisions are subject to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3571, entitled Sentence of Fine.
- b. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, also understands that as to the Information herein, the Court may include as a part of the sentence a requirement that the defendant be placed on a term of supervised release of not more than one year after imprisonment, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3583.
- c. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, understands that the Court shall order, in addition to any other penalty authorized by law,

that the defendant make restitution to any victims of the offense, pursuant to Title 18. United States Code, Section 3663A.

- d. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, further understands that the sentence to be imposed upon her is within the discretion of the sentencing Court subject to the statutory maximum penalties set forth above. The sentencing Court is not bound by the sentencing range prescribed by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Nevertheless, the sentencing Court is required to consult the Guidelines and take them into account when sentencing. In so doing, the sentencing Court will first calculate, after making the appropriate findings of fact, the sentencing range prescribed by the Guidelines, and then will consider that range as well as other relevant factors set forth in the Guidelines and those factors set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a) before imposing the sentence.
- e. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, understands that if she is not a citizen of the United States that entering a plea of guilty may have adverse consequences with respect to her immigration status. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, nevertheless wishes to enter a voluntary plea of guilty regardless of any immigration consequences her guilty plea might entail, even if such consequence might include automatic removal and possibly permanent exclusion from the United States. The defendant,

LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, further understands that in the event she is a naturalized citizen, entering a plea of guilty may result in denaturalization proceedings being instituted against her leading to his removal and possible permanent exclusion from the United States.

- 4. By voluntarily pleading guilty to the Information herein, the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, knowingly waives and gives up her constitutional rights to plead not guilty, to compel the United States to prove her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, not to be compelled to incriminate herself, to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her, to have a jury or judge determine her guilt on the evidence presented, and other constitutional rights which attend a defendant on trial in a criminal case.
- 5. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, is going to plead guilty to the Information herein because she is, in fact, guilty and not because of any threats or promises.
 - 6. The extent of the plea bargaining in this case is as follows:
- a. Upon acceptance by the Court of a guilty plea by the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, to the Information herein, and at the conclusion of the sentencing hearing thereon, the United States will not oppose a motion to dismiss the Indictment as to the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, charged under case number 1:23CR361-2. This portion of the Plea

Agreement is made pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(A) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

- b. It is understood that if the Court determines at the time of sentencing that the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, qualifies for a 2-level decrease in the offense level under Section 3E1.1(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines and that the offense level prior to the operation of Section 3E1.1(a) is 16 or greater, then the United States will recommend a decrease in the offense level by 1 additional level pursuant to Section 3E1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines. This portion of the Plea Agreement is made pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- c. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, hereby abandons interest in, and consents to the official use, destruction, or other disposition of each item seized and/or maintained by any law enforcement agency during the course of the investigation, unless such item is specifically provided for in another section of this plea agreement. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, waives any and all notice of any proceeding to implement the official use, destruction, or other disposition of such items.
- d. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, waives all rights, whether asserted directly or through a representative, to request or receive from any department or agency of the United States any record

pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and all subsequent amendments thereto.

- e. Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence ordinarily limit the admissibility of statements made by a defendant during the course of plea proceedings. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, knowingly and voluntarily waives the protections of these rules as it relates to plea proceedings. If the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, pleads guilty and later seeks to withdraw her guilty plea (or seeks to directly appeal or collaterally attack her conviction), any statement made at the plea proceedings in connection with such plea, and any leads derived therefrom, shall be admissible for any and all purposes.
- f. In exchange for the government's agreement to dismiss the Indictment in case number 1:23CR361-2, the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, entirely waives her right to collaterally attack her conviction and sentence on any ground and by any method, including but not limited to a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion. The only exceptions are that the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, may collaterally attack her conviction and sentence if: (1) the court enters a sentence above the statutory maximum; (2) the court enters

a sentence based on an unconstitutional factor, such as race, religion, national origin, or gender; (3) the claim is based on ineffective assistance of counsel; or (4) the claim is based on prosecutorial misconduct not known to the defendant at the time of his guilty plea.

h. In exchange for the government's agreement to dismiss the Indictment in case number 1:23CR361-2, the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, entirely waives her right to a direct appeal of his conviction and sentence on any ground (including any argument that the statute to which the defendant is pleading guilty is unconstitutional or that the admitted conduct does not fall within the scope of the statute). The only exceptions are that the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, may file a direct appeal of her sentence if (1) the court enters a sentence above the statutory maximum, (2) the court enters a sentence based on an unconstitutional factor, such as race, religion, national origin, or gender; or (3) the government appeals the sentence.

i. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, whenever called upon to do so by the United States, agrees (1) to disclose fully and truthfully in interviews with government agents information concerning all conduct related to the Indictment in case number 1:23CR361 and any other crimes of which the defendant has knowledge, and (2) to testify fully and truthfully in any proceeding. These obligations are continuing ones.

- j. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, agrees that all of these statements can be used against the defendant at trial if the defendant withdraws from this plea agreement or is allowed to withdraw the guilty plea. If the defendant provides false, incomplete, or misleading information or testimony, this would constitute a breach of this agreement by the defendant, and the defendant shall be subject to prosecution for any federal criminal violation. Any information provided by the defendant may be used against the defendant in such a prosecution.
- k. In exchange for the government's agreement to dismiss the Indictment in case number 1:23CR361-2, the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, agrees and understands that the government will not make any motions pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines or Rule 35 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure related to subsections (i) and (j) above.
- 1. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, agrees that should the Court impose any term of probation and/or supervised release, she will not seek or obtain employment with any public or private entity involving accounting or finance for the duration of that term. The parties will jointly recommend that as a condition of any term of probation and/or supervised release, the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, will not seek or obtain

employment with any public or private entity involving accounting or finance for the duration of that term.

- 7. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, agrees that pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3613, all monetary penalties, including restitution imposed by the Court, shall be due immediately upon judgment and subject to immediate enforcement by the United States. The defendant agrees that if the Court imposes a schedule of payments, the schedule of payments shall be merely a schedule of minimum payments and shall not be a limitation on the methods available to the United States to enforce the judgment.
- 8. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, agrees that her debt resulting from the criminal monetary penalties due under the criminal judgment will be submitted to the Treasury Offset Program even if she is current in her payments under any Court imposed payment schedule.
- 9. It is further understood that the United States and the defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, reserve the right to bring to the Court's attention any facts deemed relevant for purposes of sentencing.
- 10. The defendant, LATOYA KEISHA BULLOCK, further understands and agrees that pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3013, for any offense committed on or after October 11, 1996, the defendant shall pay an

assessment to the Court of \$25 for each offense to which he is pleading guilty. This payment shall be made at the time of sentencing by cash or money order made payable to the Clerk of the United States District Court. If the defendant is indigent and cannot make the special assessment payment at the time of sentencing, then the defendant agrees to participate in the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program for purposes of paying such special assessment.

11. No agreements, representations, or understandings have been made between the parties in this case other than those which are explicitly set

forth in this Plea Agreement, and none will be entered into unless executed in writing and signed by all the parties.

This the 2 day of February, 2024.

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